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In the Matter of

Advanced Television Systems
And Their Impact Upon the
Existing Television Broadcast
Service

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MM Docket No. 87-268

To: The Commission

COMMENTS ON PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority (RIPTA), through its attorneys, hereby files its comments on the Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification (Petitions) of the Commission's Sixth Report and Order in the above-referenced proceeding filed on June 13, 1997 by the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc., the Broadcasters Caucus, et al. (Caucus) and by WNAC Argyle Television, Inc. (WNAC). In support thereof, the following is shown:

1. RIPTA is the licensee of public television Station WSBE-TV, Providence, Rhode Island. The Commission has assigned the station DTV Channel 21. RIPTA is satisfied with this channel.

2. WNAC has been assigned DTV Channel 54. Like a number of petitioners, WNAC has requested additional time following the release of OET Bulletin No. 69 to evaluate the situation with a view towards locating an in-core DTV allotment. Although is has not proposed a new DTV channel for RIPTA, the Caucus has asserted that the Northeast Corridor in which Station WSBE-TV is located will need adjustments.

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3. RIPTA wants at the earliest possible time to register its opposition to any proposal which would entail allotment to RIPTA of a DTV channel which is less desirable than Channel 21.¹ RIPTA has no objection to allotment to WNAC or other parties of new DTV channels as long as they do not entail allotment to RIPTA of such an inferior channel.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ RIPTA notes that neither WNAC nor the Caucus propose any specific change to RIPTA's DTV allotment. RIPTA reserves the right to address such a proposal should it subsequently be proffered.

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I, Donna E. Trader, secretary in the law firm of Schwartz, Woods & Miller, do hereby certify that I have on this 18th day of July, 1997, sent by First Class United States mail, postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing **COMMENTS ON PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION** to the following:

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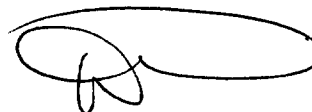
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